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Re: Docket Numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

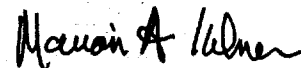
To Whom It May Concern:

I urge you to ban forced molting of hens. It has been scientifically proven that forced molting promotes disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems. It is, in fact, the primary cause of infectious disease in hens, eggs and the consumers of eggs.

It is the responsibility of your department to ban farm practices that result in injury to human health. Forced molting is clearly such a practice and therefore should be eliminated. Bacteria warning labels and regulation of egg refrigeration temperatures are inadequate responses to this problem.

I understand you were petitioned a year and a half ago to end this injurious and unacceptable practice. Please grant this petition before more suffering occurs.

Sincerely,


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